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Photo: L to R: David Kimmerle, Mayor Jerry Weiers, Scott Bohall

## **GLENDALÉ MAYOR JERRY WEIERS PRESENTS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS AT STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – [Glendale Mayor](#) Jerry P. Weiers presented two “2016 Citizen of the Year” awards at the 2016 State of the City address & dinner on Feb. 25, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa. The recipients were David Kimmerle, President of Sanderson Ford, and Scott Bohall, owner of Treasures Custom Jewelers.

At the event, David Kimmerle stated that he considered the award a lifetime achievement honor, recalling his time at Glendale High School 53 years ago, then working his way up through the ranks at Sanderson Ford, and ultimately serving as its President. As a family-owned dealership, Sanderson Ford has become a number one producer in America under his leadership.

Kimmerle has implemented numerous charitable programs at the dealership and in his personal life. Sanderson Ford’s Operation Santa Claus, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, has become the biggest holiday drive in the state. In December, the program raised more than \$1 million in cash and donations for Military Assistance Mission, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Phoenix, Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center and St. Mary’s Food Bank. He has contributed to the Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade and many other local charity events.

“Our city is a better place for having David Kimmerle as one of its outstanding citizens, and it is great honor to present him with this award and thank him for all he has done for our community,” said Mayor Weiers.

Scott Bohall and his wife, Danielle, started Treasures Custom Jewelers in 1991 after moving to

Glendale from South Dakota in 1985. The couple built their small business into a creative powerhouse, winning 33 state, national and international design awards, more than any other jeweler in Arizona. Bohall also teaches entrepreneurial and marketing classes at Valley high schools through Junior Achievement and DECA. In his acceptance remarks, Bohall gave much of the credit to his wife, referring to her as the “brains behind the entire operation.”

Mayor Weiers praised the two men for their outpouring of generosity over many years, supporting youth sports, the West Valley Arts Council, and Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. “For more than a decade, Treasures Custom Jewelers gives fine watches to Glendale’s Police Officer and Firefighter-Of-The-Year, and we are so grateful to them for their passion for charitable causes in Glendale,” said Mayor Weiers.

The annual “State of the City” was hosted by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce and its partnering business members. Mayor Weiers delivered an annual address celebrating a “renewed spirit” in Glendale marked by the significant improvements made in the city’s financial position. A copy of the speech will be published online and broadcast in its entirety on Glendale 11.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce presented its “Chamber Champions” Awards with remarks from the Chamber’s new Chairman, Jeff Blake of the Blake Group.

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